

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 29, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 1000

**Introduced by Committee on Agriculture (Denham (Chair),
Chesbro, Ducheny, Florez, Hollingsworth, Maldonado, Ortiz,
Poochigian, and Vincent) ~~Senator Denham~~**

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 5090 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1000, as amended, ~~Denham~~ *Committee on Agriculture*.
Vehicles: special interest license plates: agriculture.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special interest license plates upon compliance with certain requirements, including payment of certain additional fees.

~~This bill would set forth a statement of legislative intent to establish a special interest license plate program relating to California agriculture.~~

The bill would require the department, in consultation with the California Future Farmers of America Foundation, the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, and the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, to issue special agricultural interest license plates, as specified. The bill would require the department, after deducting its cost in administering this program, to deposit all revenues, except as specified, in the Agricultural License Plate Account, which the bill would create in the General Fund.

The bill would require the Controller, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to allocate the funds in the account, equally, to the foundations for expenditure for the purpose of promoting youth involvement in the agricultural industry of this state by funding agricultural education, youth leadership development, and youth outreach programs.

The bill would require a foundation that receives those funds to report to the Legislature on or before June 30 of each year on its use and expenditure of those funds.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a~~
2 ~~special interest license plate program relating to California~~
3 ~~agriculture.~~

4 *SECTION 1. Section 5090 is added to the Vehicle Code, to*
5 *read:*

6 *5090. (a) The department, in consultation with the California*
7 *Future Farmers of America Foundation, California Foundation*
8 *for Agriculture in the Classroom, and the California Agricultural*
9 *Leadership Foundation, shall design and make available for*
10 *issuance under this section special agricultural design license*
11 *plates depicting a California agricultural scene that may be*
12 *issued in a combination of numbers or letters, or both, as*
13 *requested by the applicant for the plate. These special*
14 *agricultural design license plates shall be issued in accordance*
15 *with the application requirements of Section 5060. A person*
16 *described in Section 5101, upon payment of the additional fee or*
17 *fees set forth in subdivision (b), may apply for and be issued a set*
18 *of these special agricultural design license plates.*

19 *(b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration,*
20 *renewal of registration, or transfer or replacement of the license*
21 *plates, the following additional fees shall be paid for the*
22 *issuance, renewal, transfer, or replacement of the special*
23 *agricultural design license plates authorized under this section:*

24 *(1) For the original issuance of the plate, fifty dollars (\$50).*

25 *(2) For a renewal of registration of the plates, forty dollars*
26 *(\$40).*

27 *(3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars*
28 *(\$15).*

29 *(4) For each replacement plate, thirty-five dollars (\$35).*

30 *(5) For the conversion of an existing special interest license*
31 *plate to the special interest license plate authorized under this*
32 *section, sixty-five dollars (\$65).*

1 (c) (1) *After deducting its cost in administering this section,*
2 *the department shall deposit all revenue derived under this*
3 *section in the Agricultural License Plate Account, which is*
4 *hereby established in the General Fund.*

5 (2) *The money in the account, upon appropriation by the*
6 *Legislature, shall be allocated by the Controller, equally, to the*
7 *California Future Farmers of America Foundation, the*
8 *California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, and the*
9 *California Agricultural Leadership Foundation for expenditure*
10 *for the purpose of promoting youth involvement in the*
11 *agricultural industry of this state by funding agricultural*
12 *education, youth leadership development, and youth outreach*
13 *programs.*

14 (3) *A foundation described in paragraph (2) that receives*
15 *funding under that paragraph shall report to the Legislature on*
16 *or before June 30 of each year on its use and expenditure of*
17 *those funds.*